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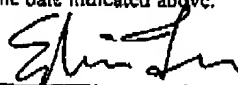
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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully submit this Reply to the Communication, dated December 11, 2002, due for reply by January 11, 2003. In view of the following election with traverse, consideration and allowance of the claims pending in this Application are respectfully requested. No fees are believed due for this Reply.

SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTION

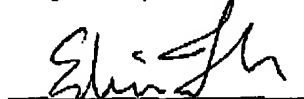
Applicants elect provisionally, with traverse, the Species set forth as SEQ ID NO: 39, as shown in claim 17, wherein the aptamer is classified in Class 536, subclass 23.1.

CONCLUSION

An action on the merits of all of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if she has any questions or suggested amendments to the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,



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